

Hawthorn Happenings

Parent Newsletter



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Dear Parents,

Each fall the Park Hill School District gives our parents the opportunity to complete a survey to offer feedback to our schools and to help us have continuous improvement. This month I am going to share the results from the Hawthorn Parent Survey and then address some of our "lower" percentages to help better inform you of the things we do at Hawthorn.

Parent Survey Statements

- 1) The school recognizes the accomplishments of my child.
- 2) My child's opinions are valued by teachers and administrators
- 3) My child's school promotes an environment of mutual respect among students.
- 4) My involvement in my child's education has improved his/her achievement.
- 5) Our school has a program that teaches and reinforces student self-discipline and responsibility.
- 6) My school has clear procedures for handling school emergencies.
- 7) The school values and respects differences among students and their families.
- 8) Effective assistance is provided to children having difficulty in school.
- 9) The way they teach at this school works well for my child.
- 10) My child has a fair chance to succeed at school.
- 11) My child likes attending this school.
- 12) I can talk with my child's teachers and principal whenever I need.
- 13) I know who well my child is doing in class.
- 14) I feel my child is safe at school.
- 15) I receive information about the educational services available to my child at school.
- 16) My child's school building is in good condition.
- 17) Discipline in my child's school is handled fairly.
- 18) If I could, I would send my child to another school.
- 19) The school encourages parents to be involved.
- 20) My child has been taught in school about respect for other cultures.
- 21) The school offers suggestions about how I can help my child learn at home.
- 22) I am a partner with the school in my child's education.
- 23) I know what my child's teachers expect in school.
- 24) The community is proud of this school.
- 25) My child's teachers are good teachers.
- 26) I expect my child to do well in school.
- 27) My child's teacher expects good work from my child.
- 28) The guidance counselor is available to help my child if he/she has a personal problem.
- 29) Career-Technical education is an essential part of the district's program of studies.
- 30) I am aware of adult learning opportunities offered by the district.
- 31) The school is meeting my child's needs as a student.
- 32) This district provides a good value for the tax dollars spent.
- 33) My child's school promotes an environment of mutual respect among students.

% of Hawthorn Parents Who Agree

91.8%
78.1%
93.2%
97.3%
91.7%
86.3%
89%
68.5%
87.7%
91.7%
93.2%
93.1%
93.1%
98.6%
79.3%
98.6%
85.9%
18.1%
95.8%
81.9%
86.1%
95.8%
91.5%
91.5%
93%
98.6%
97.2%
73.2%
37.7%
62.9%
90.1%
85.9%
95.8%

Our results at Hawthorn are very high, however there is always room for improvement. I would like to quickly address statements 2 and 8 this month.

- 2) **My child's opinions are valued by teachers and administrators.**—Please know we do value what your child has to say. Every class at Hawthorn has class meetings on a regular basis and this is a time for students to share their thoughts and ideas. Students can also set up a time with their teachers, the counselor, or administration to share concerns or thoughts. I periodically go to STUCO meetings to talk with these students to get their feedback on issues at Hawthorn and throughout the year, students in grades 3, 4, and 5 take surveys to give their feedback as well. We would love to hear from your child, so please share this information with them.
 - 8) **Effective assistance is provided to children with difficulty in school.**—Teachers address this on a daily basis in their classrooms with the instruction they provide students who are at various levels. They have guided reading groups on a daily basis that group the students together based on their academic placement. We also have numerous programs put in place at Hawthorn to assist those students who may be struggling academically. We have school wide implementation of Husky Time, which is a 30 minute block of time where every student at Hawthorn is focusing on reading instruction and students are group based on the academic level. We also have a computer program called Success Maker, that teachers are using throughout the day with students who need extra help in math and reading. After school we have a Success Maker club, to give even more support to those struggling with their reading skills. We also offer BMW, our after school reading club to students in 2nd and 3rd grade who need extra help in reading. Hawthorn also offers Beyond the Bell, which is an afterschool homework session at The Links apartments as a community outreach program to supply these students with a place to do their homework or extra help with reading and math skills. Hawthorn also has a devoted special education staff that serves our children with IEPs and an Interventionist Specialists to help our students who need more assistance with reading.
- For students having difficulty with behaviors at Hawthorn, we have implemented a school wide, PBS, Positive Behavior Supports, program and have developed The Hawthorn Way. Through this program, we teach students the appropriate behaviors we expect her and help them to learn these behaviors. Part of this program is Check in/Check out, for students who need more accountability for their behaviors.

Safety Drills

Being prepared for emergencies is a priority for Hawthorn and that is why we do a variety of drills each month/semester. In November we conducted our monthly fire drill and students were able to exit the building in 1 minute and 30 seconds and we were able to account for all students in under 5 minutes. I am impressed with how seriously our students take these drills and know that if we ever had a real emergency, we would be prepared and know exactly what to do.

Hawthorn's 2nd Annual Barnes and Noble Bookfair – Saturday, December 3, 9:00 am-10:00 pm

Join us for Hawthorn's Barnes and Noble Bookfair on Saturday December 3 at Zona Rosa. Enjoy story time, crafts and games, a book scavenger hunt, Mad Science, and Hawthorn students' art exhibit. In addition, SANTA will visit with children from noon-1pm, so bring your cameras! We are very excited that our very own Hawthorn Husky Choir will entertain shoppers beginning at 1pm on the lower level in the music department. Stop by the Husky Gift Wrapping Station to get your purchases wrapped, where all donations benefit the library.

A portion of the day's sales will benefit our library. Shoppers just need to present a Hawthorn bookfair voucher at check out or say "I support Hawthorn Elementary's bookfair" Tell your friends and family to visit any Barnes and Noble store or shop on-line to make a purchase with our Bookfair ID #10552479. Friends can shop online from 12/3 to 12/8 with our Bookfair ID and we will benefit from their purchases. Attached is the bookfair flyer with a schedule of event times and two vouchers.

Hawthorn on Channel 18

Park Hill's Channel 18 will be visiting Hawthorn next week to do a spotlight on our school. They will be visiting four areas, first grade doing Writer's Workshop, Beyond the Bell, our after school homework program, Check-in/Check-out, our Husky Pack program and Success Maker Club. They will also be interviewing, Mrs. Jennifer Fitzwater, our Kitchen Manager, as our staff spotlight and Faith and Grace Hecht as our student spotlights. We are excited to have a chance to show off all the wonderful things we do at Hawthorn and I will let you know when this feature will be airing on Channel 18.

3rd—5th MAP Practice Day

Part of our Academic Building School Improvement Plan is to have quarterly MAP practice days for our 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students to help prepare them for the state grade level assessments they will be taking in April. During this morning the students will be taking a test that is very similar to the MAP test the test taking atmosphere we will have in April. Students who receive special education accommodations will be taking their practice test with the staff member they will be working with during testing as a way to get to know them, so they are not taking the test with someone who is unfamiliar to them in April. Please make sure you child is here on this day so they can have the valuable practice experience.

Hawthorn Reindeer Games

On Thursday, December 22, beginning at 10:00, Hawthorn will host their 3rd Annual Reindeer Games in the gym. Various students will participate in fun "games" and all students will be in attendance to watch. Parents are welcome to attend this event to watch or to join in! This fun assembly will last approximately an hour and after it is over, the students will return to their classrooms to prepare to leave for Winter Break. If you attend our Reindeer Games and wish to take your child with you, please remember to sign them out in the office.

IMPORTANT DATES

DEC. 3RD—BARNES AND NOBLE BOOK FAIR
DEC. 8TH—5TH GRADE TO THE NUTCRACKER
DEC. 8TH—"MATHLETICS" COMPETITION AT HW—4:00 PM
DEC. 11TH—5TH GRADE CHOIR NORTHLAND SYMPHONY PERFORMANCE AT PHS HIGH SCHOOL
DEC. 14TH—HAWTHORN SPELLING BEE—4:00 PM
DEC. 17TH—HAWTHORN WINTER EXTRAVAGANZA
DEC. 19TH—HAWTHORN MAP PRACTICE DAY FOR GRADE 3, 4, AND 5
DEC. 22ND—END OF 2ND QUARTER
DEC. 22ND—HAWTHORN "REINDEER GAMES" - 10:00 AM IN THE GYM
DEC. 22ND—1/2 DAY FOR STUDENTS—DISMISSAL AT 11:45 AM
DEC. 23RD—JAN. 3RD—WINTER BREAK



Hawthorn Heroes

Each month at Hawthorn we will be working on a life skill. We will share examples of the life skill over the announcements and students are expected to practice this skill throughout the month. At the end of the month, classroom teachers choose two or three students who did an exemplary job of displaying the monthly life skill and these students are chosen as a Hawthorn Hero. Each Hawthorn Hero will get a sticker to put in your car window if you choose. They will also be recognized by their teacher in front of their peers. Listed below are the life skills for each month this school year.

September—Respect
December—Compassion
March—Perseverance

October—Responsibility
January—Kindness
April—Effort

November—Positive Role Model
February—Honesty
May—Sportsmanship

Borsella	Meinke	Sweney	Cazzell	Hild	Smith	Wells
Alex Briggs	Braden McDonald	Brenna Blankenship	Ann Costanzo	Ethan VandeVen	Raegan Celeste	Libby Gwartney
Candace Cali	Kaeden Pak	Carson Celeste	Lily Thompson	Emily Hoefer	Scott Robertson	Connor Dennis
Long Nguyen		Ayva Dowland				
		Kyann Hare				
		Kendall Newton				
Nicholson	Toyne		Lyons	Coen	Webster	Wilson
Braden Hild,	Kelly Stephenson	Grace Woods		Vince Kind	Emily Fickenscher	Jake Fickenscher
Isabella Holland	Tyler Heinerikson	Beau Anderson		Sarah Lam	Clell Burdiss	Emmie Putnam
					Reagan King	Preston Salyer
Harrison	Pickett	Pittman	Andruska	Mestel	Roepe	Braudrick
Sammie Kinney	Bella Anderson	Brooklyn Bullock	Julia Stephens	Leighton Allen	Andre Correia	Nathan Duty
Zoe McFarland	Katie Krasowski	Ryan Lee	Zach Howard	Grace Franke	Morgan Tymony	
Trent Trammell			Grace Anne Wiley			

Hawthorn's Winter Extravaganza

Please join members of our Hawthorn family at Hawthorn on Saturday, December 17th anytime between 8:30 and 11:30 am. This promises to be a fun morning with many activities for the whole family. Hawthorn staff will be serving all you can eat pancakes for \$5.00. Students will be singing holiday songs in the gym on the following schedule, 4th/5th at 9:00 am, 2nd/3rd at 9:30 am and K/1st at 10:00 am. Children can shop at the "Penguin Patch, Small Mall in the K/1 Pod. Parents can shop at a variety of community vendors who will be selling their products in the 2/3 and 4/5 pods. And last, but not least, the entire family can visit with Santa in the Media Center. Please remember to bring your camera to get a picture. We hope to see all our families at this festive event!



Recycling at Hawthorn

Part of Hawthorn's Building School Improvement Plan, BSIP, is to increase our recycling efforts schoolwide. Each room has a recycling bin for paper products and each "pod" area has a larger bin for "co-mingle" items such as cardboard, aluminum and plastic. We know at Hawthorn recycling is an effort that is good for our environment and also can raise money for our school. We are asking for you to join in our recycling efforts by bringing your recyclable items to Hawthorn when possible. In the corner of the north parking lot are two bins for paper only and next to the school by the large trash dumpster is a "co-mingled" bin which is for cardboard, aluminum, and plastic items. This bin says "cardboard only" on it, but you are able to put the other items in there as well. I am working on getting a new bin that will be placed by the others in the parking lot, but have not completed this task as of yet. Thanks in advance for helping us to not only help our environment, but to help raise money for our school as well. If you have any questions regarding our recycling efforts, please give me a call at 359-4390.